

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

***Regular Meeting Agenda***

**Dahlonega City Hall  
465 Riley Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**September 25, 2008  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch

**II. INVOCATION**

Reverend Jeff Ross  
Dahlonega United Methodist Church

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. PRESENTATION**

- Georgia Forestry Commission – Annual Report

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- August 21, 2008 Public Hearing B & W 8:45 a.m.
- August 21, 2008 Public Hearing Proposed 2009 Budget 9:00 a.m.
- August 21, 2008 Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- September 4, 2008 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

**VI. REPORTS**

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- Elected Officials
- Chamber of Commerce

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- 2008-40 Adopt 2009 Budget
- 2008-41 Adopt 2008 Millage Rate
- 2008-42 Lumpkin County DOT Permitted Speed Zone Ordinance
- 2008-43 Adopt Proposed Ambulance Rates
- 2008-44 Adopt Proposed Environmental Health Fees
- 2008-45 Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ord.
- 2008-46 Appointment Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority

**VIII. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

- Department of Transportation – Agreement for Transit 5311 Operating Assistance
- Department of Transportation – Agreement for Transit 5311 Capital Assistance
- Georgia Power – Outdoor Lighting Service Lease/Judicial Facilities Complex
- Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce – Tourism Development Services
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  - ✓ Seth Hunt for Turner's Corner General Store
  - 13870 Hwy. 19 North, Cleveland, GA 30528
- Reservoir - Naming
- ACCG Fall Policy Conference Business Session – Official Call
- Letter – Corp. of Engineers/Dredging Materials
- Yahoola Creek Park Playground - site selection
- RFP Recommendation for the Reservoir Trail

**X. COMMENTS**

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation)**

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Chairman Gooch

Future Meetings:

**October**

- ❖ Work Session – City Hall
- ❖ Board Meeting – City Hall

October 02, 2008 at 9:00 am  
October 16, 2008 at 6:00 pm

**November**

- ❖ Work Session – City Hall
- ❖ Board Meeting – City Hall

November 06, 2008 at 9:00 am  
November 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm

**December**

- ❖ Work Session – City Hall
- ❖ Board Meeting – City Hall

December 04, 2008 at 9:00 am  
December 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 25, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Dahlonega City Hall. Present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Jeff Ross of Dahlonega United Methodist Church gave the invocation. The pledge of allegiance was then led by Commissioner Stowers.

Chairman Gooch acknowledged a group North Georgia College and State University Students that were in attendance at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

**PRESENTATION**

Georgia Forestry Commission – Annual Report

Kris Butler from the Forestry Commission highlighted the benefits derived by Lumpkin County Taxpayers for the small fee per forested acre that Lumpkin County pays. Mr. Butler said that the drought should not prevent the issuance of burn permits beginning October 1.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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*Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to approve all the minutes presented as a consent agenda. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

**REPORTS**

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office  
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Chamber of Commerce – Gary Powers spoke about the upcoming Six Gap/Three Gap Bicycle Event. He also distributed material on usage statistics for Dahlonega.org. Mr. Powers then spoke about the success of the signage program that is being administered by the Chamber.

**RESOLUTIONS**

2008-40 Adopt 2009 Budget

This resolution establishes and adopts the Lumpkin County Budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Commissioners Hutcheson and Raber each said they are concerned that realized revenues will not be what is anticipated within the proposed 2009 budget.

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the 2009 budget which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*



2008-41 Adopt 2008 Millage Rate

This resolution establishes the 2008 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for Lumpkin County. Chairman Gooch read the resolution establishing the millage rate for Unincorporated 6.893, Special Unincorporated Reservoir Tax District 0.178, Special Unincorporated Planning Tax District 0.000, Incorporated 7.707 and the letter from the Superintendent of Lumpkin County Schools in which the Board of Education set their 2008 Maintenance and Operation Millage Rate at 11.840 mills for Lumpkin County Schools.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve the adoption of the 2008 millage rate. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

2008-42 Lumpkin County DOT Permitted Speed Zone Ordinance

This resolution approves and adopts the Georgia Department of Transportation Speed Zone Ordinance for 2008 which enables the County to enforce speed limits with the use of speed detection devices on DOT permitted roads.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

2008-43 Adopt Proposed Ambulance Rates

This resolution approves and adopts proposed ambulance rates for Lumpkin County Emergency Services.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to approve this resolution which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.*

2008-44 Adopt Proposed Environmental Health Fees

This resolution approves and adopts the Lumpkin County Board of Health proposed environmental health fees for 2008.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

2008-45 Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance

This resolution approves, authorizes and provides for the Lumpkin County Emergency Services to recover costs of providing fire and hazardous material emergency services and medical emergency services and to provide for contracting for collection management.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to approve the resolution which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

2008-46 Appointment Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority

This resolution appoints Ronald A. Fortner to Seat 4 of the Water and Sewerage Authority of Lumpkin County for a term ending May 31, 2009.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the appointment. This was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

**CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

Department of Transportation – Agreement for Transit 5311 Operating Assistance

This renewal contract is for Administrative and Operating Costs of Project Number: MTG00-0143-00-059 of Grant Number: GA-18-4029.

Term: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Amount: Local Share \$46,123.00



Department of Transportation – Agreement for Transit 5311 Capital Assistance

This renewal contract is for the Equipment Obligation portion of Project Number: MTG00-0143-00-059 of Grant Number: GA-18-4029.

Term: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Amount: Local Share \$2,225.00

Georgia Power – Outdoor Lighting Service Lease/Judicial Facilities Complex

This agreement will provide for all outdoor lighting at the complex which will include receptacles for holiday lighting decorations.

Term: Indefinite

Amount: \$29,819.00 prepaid lease amount; \$1,032.00 estimated per month

Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce –Tourism Development Services

This contract provides for responsibilities of the county and Chamber of Commerce regarding the Hotel-Motel Tax collected by Lumpkin County.

Term: January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Gainesville Fire Protection LLC/Lumpkin County Sheriff – Fire Sprinkler Inspection Contract

This agreement provides for the semi-annual inspection of the sprinkler system at the Lumpkin County Detention Center.

Term: One year, two inspections

Amount: \$250.00

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve all contracts and agreements as a consent agenda. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

**OTHER ITEMS**

Issue Beer & Wine Alcoholic Beverage License

Seth Hunt for Turner's Corner General Store, 13870 Hwy. 19 North, Cleveland, GA 30528

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve this license. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

Reservoir – Naming

The City of Dahlonega previously approved the naming of the Reservoir as "Lake Zwerner at Yahoola Creek Reservoir."

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the name which was previously approved by the City of Dahlonega. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers. John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

ACCG Fall Policy Conference Business Session – Official Call

Each county may appoint a voting delegate (commissioner or county staff) to cast their county's vote on matters coming before the Business Session at the ACCG Fall Policy Conference.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve Commissioner Hutcheson as the voting member. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Grindle. Commissioner Hutcheson did not vote. Motion carried.*

Letter – Corp. of Engineers/Dredging Materials

This matter will be brought to the October Work Session. In the interim the County Manager will contact the Corps of Engineers for more information.



Yahoola Creek Park Playground - Site Selection

Three site selections were presented to the Board as the location for the Yahoola Creek Park playground.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve Site 3 for the location of the Yahoola Park playground. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

RFP Recommendation for the Reservoir Trail

Mark French, Grants Coordinator stated that there was a viable bidder who came in within the required budget for this project. However, there were comments from individual volunteers and committee members who had worked on the trails projects that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) be contacted to determine if the Reservoir Trail can be built in the same manner as the first trail, using volunteers and hiring a part-time employee on an hourly basis. Mark French, Eddy Harris and Marilyn Oberhausen will request a meeting with DNR to discuss this possibility.

**COMMENTS**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

At the County Manager's request Kevin Hamby from CHA gave an update on progress of the Judicial Center and included details of an EPD visit. He said that an updated GMP will be ready to present to the board at the December Regular Meeting. Mr. Kelley stated that construction patching is underway on Miller Calhoun Road.

**CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman thanked the staff for their hard work on the 2009 Budget.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Raber gave an overview of cooperation between the commissioners by giving statistics. He then requested that the minutes reflect that he had not asked for a tax increase but had pointed out that a 3/8 mill increase would cover all the items discussed in the budget hearings.

Commissioner Hutcheson asked that a policy be created concerning reimbursement to the county if training is provided to a commissioner-elect at county expense and that commissioner-elect does not then take office. She said that she also thinks that the county needs a policy concerning inserts that are put into employee paycheck envelopes. The County Manager stated that the chain of command needs to be followed when a commissioner wishes the staff to do something. He said that when this is not used that it puts the staff in a difficult position.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Attorney had no comments.

**PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the board would be going into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation)**

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

The board took an immediate recess after which the Executive Session began at 8:00 p.m.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson moved to come out of executive session at 8:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

**ADJOURN**

There being no announcements to be made regarding the Executive Session and there being no further business Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn.

*Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.*

10/16/2008  
Date

Stephen W. Gooch  
Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Ruth A. Bohac  
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Clerk, Lumpkin County